



FROM THE SEATTLE OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS

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City of Seattle seeks community members to serve on the Seattle Human Rights Commission

SEATTLE (February 28, 2022) – The Seattle Office for Civil Rights is currently recruiting to fill ten vacancies on the Seattle Human Rights Commission. The Commission seeks candidates with diverse backgrounds in human rights, law, public policy, advocacy, social services, education, community organizing, and business. Commissioners are appointed by the Mayor, City Council, and the Commission.

Since its inception in 1963, the Seattle Human Rights Commission has been tasked with advising the Mayor, City Council, and city departments on human rights and social justice issues. In 2012, the City of Seattle declared Seattle a *Human Rights City*. As a result, the Commission works with the City to protect the inherent human rights for all residents. Guided by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights principles, the Commission works to impact the lives of people in Seattle through its policy work, community outreach, and works with the Seattle Office for Civil Rights to end discrimination.

Participation on the Commission requires a minimum time commitment of 10 hours per month. This includes attendance at monthly meetings, participation in committee work, meetings with City officials, communicating with state legislators, and addressing human rights concerns. The Commission also hears appeals of discrimination cases from the Seattle Office for Civil Rights.

Commissioners are appointed for two years and all appointments are subject to confirmation by the City Council and serve without compensation. Those interested in being considered should email a letter of interest, resume, and a completed [Seattle Human Rights Commission application](#) to Marta Idowu (marta.idowu@seattle.gov) by **Friday, April 1, 2022** by 5 p.m.

While not required, the Commission encourages individuals who are interested in applying to attend a monthly Commission meeting. Meetings are currently held virtually on the first Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. Commission meetings are open to the public.

The City of Seattle is committed to promoting diversity in the City's Boards and Commissions. The City welcomes applications from persons with disabilities, persons of color, persons of different faiths, immigrants, youth, aging individuals, women, all sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions.

The Seattle Human Rights Commission is one of four commissions managed by the Seattle Office for Civil Rights.

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